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WORD for UNION and PEACE.

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TO ALL PARTIES.

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Fellow Citizens and Countrymen,

PERMIT me to addreſs you with a word, amidſt the ferments of the times, to ſay, that calm conſideration and due moderation, are what we owe each other, for the enjoyment of peace. We have ſeen violent men on each ſide, high monarchical men on one hand, and ſtrong republicans on the other. As a Conſtitutional Briton, I would adviſe you to an attention to the Conſtitution of Britain and the Royal Houſe of Brunſwick. And though a *reform* is neceſſary and the redreſs of certain grievances, as the Duke of Richmond and Mr. Pitt have ſtated in their plans of reform at different periods, yet let us wait with legal application for the cool and *rational* conviction of the legiſlature, who will ſee the propriety of lenient meaſures, to heal our diviſions. I am a friend to reform, yet I would not hold up my finger for a muſket to be fired, for an alteration or increaſe of privileges. Parliament will adopt maxims, for conſtitutional *repairs*, union and peace at a ſuitable time. Till then endeavour to live as neighbours.

bours. And as man's days are few, and evil at the beſt, do not let us by animoſities, multiply diſcords, but ſtudy a cultivation of peace. Each individual ſhould contribute his quota of peaceful endeavours for the good of his country. Thomas Bull to his brother John, or the Pennyworth of Truth, *as publiſhed in London*, hath a ſerious tendency to alienate the minds of citizens. That piece was a proſcription of whole bodies of men, for the violence of ſome individuals. It was a bull to the public (or a blunder and contradiction) and a *libel* upon *common ſenſe*. Read Judge Aſhurſt; as a Gentleman, he addreſſes you, to a juſt allegiance to King, and *Conſtitution*; let that be the point for us to rally round; let that be our tree of liberty, which yieldeth freedom, ſecurity, property, and peace. Let us endeavour to promote peace in our little circles; and in time ferments will ceaſe, and *happy content* ſucceed. Difference of opinion will naturally be found, in a land of freedom. All ſhould teach us to think and let think, to live and let live. Let us then aſſociate for peace, and be determined to check a ſpirit of tyranny on one hand, and licentiouſneſs on the other. This is the ſpirit of the Conſtitution; for it checks the firſt in the monarch, and the laſt in the

the people. Then let us *think*, *ſpeak*, and *act conſtitutionally*, in ſo doing we enjoy *liberty* and *law*, *peace* and *order*. I addreſs you as men, citizens, Britons, and Chriſtians; follow peace with all men, and holineſs, without which no man ſhall *ſee* the Lord: in realms of light, where hateful diſcord is ever baniſhed, and one eternal calm attends the inhabitants of thoſe bliſsful regions, in ſacred peace and endleſs tranquility.

I am, and remain your friend,

A CONSTITUTIONAL BRITON.

Ramſgate,
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